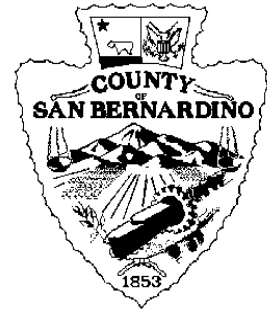


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### Dedication set for Barstow-Daggett Army Heliport

First District Supervisor Bill Postmus and Congressman Jerry Lewis on Tuesday will dedicate the new \$27 million Army Heliport Facility at the County of San Bernardino's Barstow-Daggett Airport.

The facility, funded by the Department of Defense largely through the effort of Congressman Lewis, took two years to build. It includes an 85,000-square-foot maintenance hangar, an 11,000-square-foot administration and fire building, new helicopter ramp parking, a new wastewater treatment plant and a new water well system with a sodium chloride chlorination system to tie into the county system.

The heliport will serve as a base for approximately 27 military helicopters to support combat training exercises in the High Desert.

C.E. Wiley Construction built the facility under a construction contract managed by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Currently, the Army leases three large hangars, several buildings and a parking ramp area at the airport from the county. These facilities will be returned to the county for the county's use or for lease to other parties.

The dedication will be held Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 2 p.m. in the new hangar. About 200 people are expected to attend, including officials from the Army and Lockheed, the sub-contractor for the Army to maintain the helicopters at the facility in support of operations at nearby Fort Irwin.

The National Training Center Army Air Operations unit will also use office space and briefing facilities within the new administration building.

Supervisor Postmus and Congressman Lewis are both scheduled to speak at the dedication ceremony, along with San Bernardino County Airports Director Bill Ingraham.

The dedication will also feature a tour of the new facilities.